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PACFA Website Goes Interactive!

The PACFA web page is undergoing some changes and additions in the near future to bring further transparency and functionality to licensees and the public. We are currently developing two maps which will be interactive and provide information on inspector territories and licensed facilities. This project has been in discussion for a year and we now have the ability to implement a plan.

The first interactive map will allow licensees or members of the public to search by zip code to obtain contact information for the inspector in that area. This will allow easier access to inspectors by the public and will



Champ enjoying the dog days of summer with new girlfriend Gabby.

provide contact information for new and prospective licensees. This map will be updated regularly as the database is updated with new locations or changes in inspection territory.

The second interactive map will allow the public to search a zip code for licensed facilities by category. Information will be accessible by license category. For example, a zip code can be searched to locate a licensed grooming facility or boarding kennel. The information provided in the search initially will be license category, name of the business, and telephone number. Licensees will be notified and encouraged to contact PACFA if they would like to have additional information such as address and or web sites included.

The maps will be more detailed than that shown below and the information will be accessible at all times. This information will be separate and distinct from our existing database to eliminate the possibility of a security breech, but the limited access to this information should help provide timely information to the public, other law enforcement agencies, and licensees. The proposed time frame for completion is 6 months and the web address is www.colorado.gov/ag/animals/pacfa.

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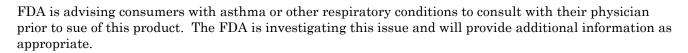
FDA Recommends Caution on Shampoo

On May 16, PetProductNews.com reported that the Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) Center for Veterinary Medicine is alerting veterinarians and pet owners to use caution with the use of an unapproved animal drug product, Douxo Seborrhea Shampoo (0.1% phytosphingosine), distributed by Sogeval Laboratories, Inc. of Coppell, Texas.

The FDA recently received a report of the death of a woman associated with the use of the product on her dog, an event that occurred in March.

The adverse event report describes a woman with severe, pre-existing asthma who had a sudden, severe asthma attack and died while bath-

ing a dog using the product., Douxo Seborrhea Shampoo. A few days later, another asthmatic family member bathed the dog using the same product and experienced a mild asthma attack but recovered.





- It is a violation of the PACFA regulations to walk away from a dog that is tethered on a grooming table.
- Boarding facility owners who groom dogs must have a grooming endorsement to cover the requirements of dryer timers, shampoos and cleaning of grooming equipment.

A Whole New Meaning to Putting on the Dog

Instead of complaining about it, why not do something with all that dog hair, like make a sweater? The urge to wrap ourselves up in a dog's crowing glory often springs more from necessity than novelty. During the lean years of World War II, Alta Gorseman earned kudos in the pages of the *Los Angeles Times* for knitting her husband a sweater made of hair from their rough Collie, Lady. In war-starved England pet dogs helped clothe whole families. "The Women's Institute in Ashford, Kent, has been knitting sweaters and baby garments from the coats of Pekingese, Chow Chows, Old English Sheep Dogs or any breed providing hair that is not too wiry," the *New York Times* observed in 1943. The paper also noted that, "Comings of Persian cats are also said to spin up well and to equal the best Angora."

The hobby survives to this day. In 1997, Kendall Crolius and Anne Montgomery published Knitting with Dog Hair: A Woof-to-Wrap Guide to Making Hats, Sweaters, Mittens and Much More. It's tagline: Stop Vacuuming

and Start Knitting! And a scan of the web can often turn up sites, such as ifitship-

itshere.blogspot.com/2008/10/wearing-hair-of-dog-portraits-of-people.html, with people proudly modeling dog hair creations, standing next to the pets who selflessly shared their coats to warm their owners both body and soul. –Mara Bovsun from familydog March/April 2010 Edition



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Cutting down on summer pests (Flea and tick control tips)



The following tips may help to prevent, reduce, or eliminate flea infestations:

- Vacuuming on a daily basis to remove eggs, larvae and adults is the best method for initial control of a flea infestation. It is important to vacuum the following areas: carpets, cushioned furniture, cracks and crevices on floors, along baseboards and the basement.
- Steam cleaning carpets may also help as the hot steam and soap can kill fleas in all stages of the life cycle. Pay particular attention to areas where pets sleep.
- Wash all pet bedding and family bedding on which pets lie in hot, soapy water every two to three weeks. If an infestation is severe, discard old pet bedding and replace it with fresh, clean material.
- Flea combs are very effective tools in the suppression of adult fleas. They allow hair to pass through the tines but not the fleas, removing fleas as well as flea feces and dried blood. Focus combing on those parts of the pet where the most fleas congregate, usually the neck or tail area. When fleas are caught, deposit them in hot soapy water to kill them.

Consider keeping pets indoors.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention suggests the following ways to reduce ticks in your yard: Modify your landscape to create <u>Tick Safe Zones</u>. To do this, keep play areas and playground equipment away from shrubs, bushes, and other vegetation. Also, regularly remove leaf litter and clear tall grasses and brush around homes, and place wood chips or gravel between lawns and wooded areas to keep ticks away from recreational areas.

- Provide a vegetation-free play area. Keep play areas and playground equipment away from away from shrubs, bushes, and other vegetation.
- Use a chemical control agent. Effective tick control chemicals are available for use by the homeowner, or they can be applied by a professional pest control expert, and even limited applications can greatly reduce the number of ticks. A single springtime application of acaricide can reduce the population of ticks that cause Lyme disease by 68-100%.

Discourage deer. Removing plants that attract deer and constructing physical barriers may help discourage deer from entering your yard and bringing ticks with them.

Source is EPA webpage at: http://www.epa.gov/pesticides/factsheets/flea-tick.htm

Nestle Purina Cat Food Recall

Purina has issued a recall for Cat Chow Naturals and Friskies Grillers Blend dry cat food shipped to Colorado, Idaho and Oregon. The recall has been issued due to potential Salmonella contamination. According to the FDA press release, no illnesses have been reported. Consumers who have purchased the recalled products should discard the product and contact Nestle Purina for a refund.

Products affected by this recall:

Cat Chow Naturals Dry Cat Food in 6.3 lb bags with "Best By" date of Aug 2012; Production code 10331083 13; UPC 17800 11320

Friskies Grillers Blend Dry Cat Food in 3.15 lb bags; "Best By" date of Aug 2012; Production code 10381083 06; UPC code 50000 08450

• Friskies Grillers Blend Dry Cat Food in 16 lb bags; "Best By" date of Aug 2012; Production Code 10381083 06; UPC 50000 57578

For more information, read the FDA press release. (http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm261072.htm)

Rule of the Month

16.00 PET ANIMAL BOARDING AND/OR TRAINING FACILITIES (including pet handlers)

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Disposition records for boarded or trained animals shall be maintained at the facility during the period the animal is being boarded or housed. These records shall include a mutual agreement concerning veterinary care to treat diseased or injured animals and disposition of animals that die at the facility.

Your boarding contract must include a statement regarding disposition of animals that die at the facility. We recognize that this is a sensitive issue to address with your clients but the inspectors are finding a lack of compliance with this rule in many existing contracts. An example of the language that would be compliant with the rule could be: In the rare and unfortunate event that your pet dies in our care your pet will be taken to your designated veterinarian and maintained for pick-up or further instruction.



No License Yet?

If you have not received your 2011 license in the mail please call our office and speak with Lisa Gibson, 303-239-4167. Unless you are due to receive a pre-license inspection, your application may be incomplete and your license cannot be issued until completed. This office may have already contacted you by e-mail or phone call with an indication of what is needed to complete your application.









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